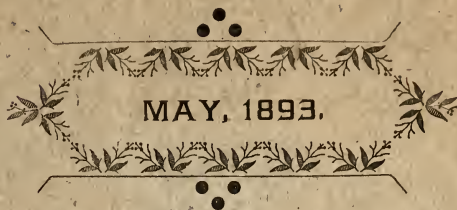


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## TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

## To the Spiritual Children of Grace Reformed Church.

REV. J. P. LLOYD.

[CONTINUED.]

Whit Sunday, May 21st, Grace Church will celebrate its tenth anniversary. The church will then have completed its first decade of history. These have been years of varied experiences. The church has not been without its trials and difficulties. But it has been sufficient for all these things. If the Lord be for us, who can be against us? His grace is ever abounding, and his strength sufficient. The winter storm is essential to knit firmly the fibres in the trunk of the forest tree. Trials compact the body of believers. They are essential to growth and firmness in christian life. Our trials have been sanctified unto our good, and we are stronger for them in the might of the Lord. Withal these have been ten years of prosperity to the church, and our future has never been so promising as it is now. Our tenth anniversary occasion should be one of special shanksgiving and rejoicing. And such we trust it shall be to the church and every individual member.

Letters have been sent out by the consistory to all the families of the church announcing the anniversary, Services and the nature of them. Sabbath morning at 10:30 the pastor will preach the anniversary sermon. Subject: "The Growing Church." At this service all opportunity will be given to applicants to be received into membership with the church. Some have already signified their intention of uniting with us upon this occasion, others are thinking of the matter, and we have no doubt in due time they will give us their names as applicants. Let every member of the church be at these services and invite your friends to come with you.

I would speak to you on the "Spiritual Growth." In the April number of the VISITOR I have already spoken to you, in compliance with the wish of your loving and faithful pastor. My remarks in that communication were addressed especially to the catechumen, who, after catechetical instruction, and examination, had been, at the last Easter services, admitted to communion, and full membership by the Spiritual Council. While now speaking to you, I still address the same class, especially but not exclusively. The same truths that enable children in the kingdom of God to grow in the stature of men, are also necessary for "the perfecting of saints," and to enable the "man in Christ to become a perfect man," and come "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." It is thus the apostle speaks of it to the Ephesians and thus, dear young friends, the Christian life, like the natural life is a growth. The husbandman does not cast the seed into the ground one day and then reap the harvest the next day. And the Redeemer tells us, "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up, and grow; he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear; then the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, is perfected, immediately

he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come." Thus it is in the natural world. So also in the world life of any order. In not only the grain in the field but in all kinds of grain, whether corn or wheat; or some other grain. It does not come forth a perfected thing. It comes forth living, it has life, but is not a perfected life. It must grow up to perfection. Thus it is with all created life on earth. The grain, the plant, the oak tree, the pine tree. Some of these are seen more than a hundred feet high but it took them more than a hundred years to grow to that height. So in bird life; some of these, the eagle for instance, are wonderfully large and strong. When their wings are spread, from the tip of one to the tip of the other, they measure sometimes ten or twelve feet. But one time in their life these birds lived in the egg. And when they first saw the light, as they lay in their nest, you could have carried a number of them in your school basket, and it took them many years to perfect their enormous wings. And the mother bird could hardly get them to leave their nest in the cleft of the rock, high up on the mountain side. They were afraid to try to fly: or they enjoyed sleeping in their warm nest, and having the parent bird bring them their food. The mother bird tries many devices to school them into courage, and teach them to fly by using the wings their Maker has given them. Very beautiful is the account of it given in the Bible; read Deuteronomy, 33, 11; and our God uses it to illustrate his wise and kind dealings with his people. She has fed them till they are strong enough to go out from the nest. Then she stirs up the nest and makes it uncomfortable for them to stay in it,—“she flutters over it” with her wings to show them how to use theirs—“she takes them,” lifts them up or out of the nest,—then “spreads abroad her wings” that they may learn to spread theirs—she takes them on her wings, out from the nest, up into the air, up towards the clouds; then she will drop from under them and leave them without her support, and at once they spread out their wings, in fear, and as they do so a little better with every stroke and when she sees them getting tired she swoops down under them, and takes them again

on her wings, as if to say my wings are not tired, and they are strong enough to keep you from falling, and at length after a few lessons the young eaglets can fly above the top of the mountain where their home was, and soar away above the clouds, and the things of the earth are lost sight of, and appear as very little things. And so our God teaches and trains his children all, and even those of them that are children in years, as well as in grace, to “grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.” The little eaglet when first seen in the nest was a very little and very helpless thing, but still it was an eagle. And when it could rise on its wings above the earth, above the clouds, and above the storms, it was still only an eagle. So also you look on a little child in its cradle. It is the object of its father’s care, and its mother’s tender love. It is nourished and cherished in all the days of its infancy, in which it can do nothing for itself, but it takes the food and drink provided for it, and the babe increases in size and beauty and will run and play after while. And people will say of it, “How it grows.” But they expect it to do that, and if it does not grow, it is because some hindering disease is upon it. But however healthy it may be it will not become perfect in either body or mind at once. The blessed Son of God; himself sinless and holy, and we never read that he was sick, but, even he, did not come to maturity of body, or of mind, at once. He was, indeed, “The Holy Child Jesus,” but we read, Luke 2:40, “And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.” What great grace, and what surprising wisdom were His, is shown us when, at twelve years of age, we “find Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at his answers, and understanding.” The child was left behind, perhaps through some oversight or forgetfulness of his parents, who were returning from the feast of the Passover, when the caravan, or great company that traveled together on the road to Nazareth left, Joseph and Mary left with it. The confusion of getting ready, packing up all their utensils and effects,



and getting into line for the start, was great and perplexing. The start was always made in the night. Great indeed must have been the turmoil. And many things would almost certainly be forgotten, or overlooked. When they were out of the city, and well on the way, they were to travel, they stopped and encamped for the night, ready to start in the cool of the early morning, and continue the journey till the day grew hot. And at this first encampment many forgets and oversights, and mistakes would be discovered. Many kindred families having started together traveling as part of the caravan, and going to the same neighborhood, would on the first stop, find that even some of the children or other members of the family were left behind. The parents or other friends had not seen them at the start, but took it for granted that they had fallen in with other families of their circle, until the anxious search revealed the fact that they were left behind. Among such sad seekers were Joseph and Mary, the mother and step-father of the child Jesus. I can not prolong the details. I have made the remarks on the incident because I know many readers of the incident in the history of our Lord's life, have been astonished and perplexed with it; and I know a Sabbath school teacher who gave to his class of little children some instruction on the subject, but instructions which your Pastor, and your kind and watchful Superintendent would not want him to repeat in their Sabbath School. But, I must bring this paper to a close, while yet I have not said to you all, that both my mind and heart prompt me to say: I would fain instruct you in some of the things concerning "the kingdom of God's dear son," in this world, which shall help you to glorify him on the earth, with your joyful services; and at the same time enable you to know that "if ye do these things ye shall never fail: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly, into the Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Dear young "Spiritual Children" of Grace Church, whether young in years, or only young in the Christian life, it is a great privilege, and O, it is a great honor to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God. That

Kingdom constitutes the family of God. And an apostle, therefore tells us (Eph. 3:14,15): "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the "whole family" in Heaven and earth is named." Yes, our Father has children in heaven and on earth. Thus are they a "divided family" but not divided against itself.

No, not thus divided: for  
One family we dwell, in Him  
One church, above, beneath  
Though now divided by the stream.  
The narrow stream of death.  
One army of the living God  
To his command we bow  
Part of the host have crossed the flood.  
And part are crossing now.

And, O, dear young children of his grace, some young in years, some young only in the Christian life when you as a part of the host shall "cross the flood," unto the Promised Land will you not be surprised to see how large a part of the host went over in youth? You will then know the breadth and the blessedness of the Saviour's teaching "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

It is therefore that your faithful Pastor longs to see "Christ formed in you the hope of glory." For this your loving and watchful Superintendent, and Sabbath School teachers, strive to be your helpers in the Lord. They desire to see you, though young, yet joyous, happy children of God, rejoicing in all the blessings of His providence, home, friends, youthful companions, school duties and privileges, but avoiding all that would hinder you from "walking with God, as dear children." Kindly assured that your Pastor would have me do so, I will hope to say in the next VISITOR, what I have not yet been able to present to you. I do now "commend you to God, and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

MANY of our new members have made inquiries about the payment of church dues. Some are paying through the regular envelopes weekly and are receiving credit upon the Treasurer's book. Very shortly all will be supplied with subscription cards and envelopes.

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## The Pastor's Note Book.

Anniversary services, Whit Sunday, May 21st.

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We should have a large supply of flowers for our church on anniversary day, and also on Memorial Day.

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Each family of the church has been furnished with envelopes for the anniversary offerings. Let every family bring a liberal offering to the Lord upon this occasion.

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The Pastor continues his Sabbath evening illustrated sermons through the month of May. Sabbath evening, May 14th, he will preach the last in the series of sermons on the parable of the "Ten Virgins." May 21st, "The Wise and Foolish Builders;" May 28th, "The Rich Fool."

### AT GOSHEN.

May 7th the Pastor was at Goshen, Ind., to lay the corner-stone of the Reformed Church. This was indeed a very pleasant and gratifying occasion for the Pastor and the people of this church. First it was a source of much pleasure to us to meet these people again and preach for them. In the second place it was especially gratifying to be with them on

the occasion of the corner-stone laying of their new church. During our pastorate with this congregation the project of building was inaugurated, and we are rejoiced to see that now this desire of our heart is being consummated.

For the present the congregation worships in a hall. Here we held services morning and evening. Both of these services were well attended. At the evening service one applicant was received into membership with the church.

The corner-stone laying took place in the afternoon. The services were conducted at the grounds of the new building. It was estimated that more than 1,000 people were present at the service. After a brief address by the Pastor, addresses were made by four of the resident Pastors. All spoke very encouragingly of the work of the church and of its future outlook.

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 Bible School Hour : Sabbath Morning 9:30.

OFFERINGS in the Bible School for the month of April:

April 2 .....	\$27 91	Birthday collections..	\$ 46
April 9 .....	3 12	" .. ..	25
April 16 .....	4 88	" .. ..	22
April 23 .....	4 33		
April 30 .....	1 33		

Total.....\$41 57      Total.....\$ 93

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April 16. Class, Miss Mast, teacher; amount, 87c.

April 23. Class, Miss French, teacher; amount, 75c.

April 30. Class, Martin Connnett, teacher; amount, 50c.

Number of new scholars received during month, 18.

## DEATHS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Aaron died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vandolah, near Collingswood, April 12, 1893, aged 86 years, 4 months and 12 days. Mrs. Aaron identified herself with the church at an early period in life and remained faithful to the Lord until the time of her departure. She was highly esteemed by her family and friends. The funeral services were held at the Salem Reformed Church Thursday afternoon, April 13th. She leaves to mourn her death three daughters; her husband, two sons, and five daughters having preceded her to the future world.

James M. Flutter died at the home of Mrs. Patten, Sabbath evening, April 16, 1893, aged 78 years, 3 months and 5 days. Mr. Flutter had been sick for only a short time previous to his death. He leaves to mourn his loss his aged companion and a large circle of friends. On Tuesday morning, April 18th, after a brief service at the house, conducted by the Pastor, the remains were taken to Leo for burial, and where a further service was held. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing and bereaved friends.

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First Thursday of each month, 2:30 P. M.

THE Ladies' Society has been doing a large amount of visiting during the last month. Their new plan seems to be a success.

MONTHLY meeting of the Ladies' Society, Thursday, June 8, 2:30 p. m.

MRS. F. D. PAULUS and Mrs. Charles Gumper are delegates to the annual meeting of the Women's Classical Society. Mrs. Mathis and Mrs. Soliday are alternates.

The articles furnished by Rev. J. P. Lloyd, for the VISITOR, addressed to the "Spiritual Children of Grace Church," should be carefully read by every member of the church. They are very instructive and will be found helpful to young and old.

Copies of this issue of the VISITOR will be sent to all the Pastors in St. Joseph Classis. Will they see to it that the names of all the delegates to the annual meeting of Classis, Sunday School Convention, and Women's Missionary Society, will be forwarded to the pastor by June 1st. This will be necessary in order that places of entertainment may be assigned the delegates. Those failing to comply with this request will not be assured free entertainment.

June 14th, St. Joseph Classis convenes in annual session at Grace Church. The day preceding the Annual Classical Sunday School Convention will be held. June 13th, the Women's Classical Missionary Society will hold its sessions. These meetings will be very instructive to our people and should be attended by every member of the church. If there will be a full attendance from abroad, there will be forty or fifty delegates at these conventions. We hope that all our families will open their doors for the entertainment of these delegates.

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May 14. Winning Souls. Prov. 11:20; 1 Cor. 9:19:23. Nellie French.

May 21. Tarrying Near Temptation. Prov. 23:30-31; Matt. 26-41. Carrie Souder.

May 28. Consecration Meeting. Bible Ideal of Character. Prov. 31:20-31; 2 Tim. 2:15. Eugene Mathis.

June 4. Vow and Pray. Eccl. 5:4. Col. 3:22-24. Ida Mast.

June 11. Our Young Lives for Christ. Eccl. 12:1; 2 Tim. 3:15; 1 Tim. 4:12. F. D. Paulus.

June 18. Missionary Meeting. Mal. 3:1-12. Maud Traxler.

June 25. Praise and Consecration Service. 2 Chron. 29:25:36. Etta Souder.

Monthly meeting, Wednesday evening, June 7th, after mid-week service.

Sabbath morning, June 28th, the Union Veteran Legion will attend memorial services at Grace Church. We extend a hearty invitation to all old soldiers to these services. Let us give them a patriotic reception.

Mr. Berkhalter, a theological student from our seminary at Tiffin, O., recently called at the parsonage. This gentleman has a sister residing in this city, Mrs. Plus. Mr. Berkhalter will likely preach for us sometime during the summer.

Wednesday evening, May 3rd, Henry Whiteman and Eva A. Middleton were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, 22 Laselle Street. A pleasant little company of the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present to witness the ceremony. After the marriage the guests were served to an elaborate supper. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteman will reside on Laselle Street.

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Mr. Souder sold.....40 bricks  
 Clara Haa, sold.....22 bricks  
 Chester Driftmeyer sold..10 bricks  
 Katie Romy.....10 bricks

KATIE ROMY is the first member of the Brick Builders' Association to dispose of a whole Book of Brick. Who will be the next one. There are several members who will come out ahead next month.

MISS GRACIE WAGONER, of Lindsey, Ohio, sent us one dollar for the Brick Builders' fund since our last issue of the VISITOR. Thanks to this young lady for the interest she manifests in the Brick Builders work and in Grace Church. This amount comes unsolicited and is therefore the more fully appreciated. Are there not many others who will send us dollars for this fund.

Rev. Dr. Reed, of the Taylor University, preached a grand sermon for our people Sabbath morning, May 7th.

Our special offerings on anniversary day should reach at least \$50.00. This amount should be raised without any difficulty.

Our subscription fund for the church auditorium is gradually growing. We find our people all interested in the building and anxious to see the work pushed.

At the congregational meeting held Thursday evening, May 4th, plans for the auditorium were adopted. The plans prepared by Mr. Chapman, of Chicago, were chosen by a unanimous vote. If we shall be able to carry out these designs we shall have one of the finest appearing churches in the city. Mr. Chapman will come to Fort Wayne, May 15th, to confer with the Building Committee, and to take measurements of our lecture rooms and lot. In a few weeks we shall be prepared to receive bids for the building.

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